

**Questions for the Record Submitted to
Ambassador Kelley Currie by
Chairman Stephen F. Lynch (#1)
House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Reform
July 23, 2020**

Question 1:

Has the State Department identified Department-specific targets and goals for evaluating the effectiveness of its Women, Peace, and Security activities and programs? Has the State Department identified timelines for achieving these objectives?

Answer 1:

The State Department WPS Implementation Plan includes Department-specific outcomes, as well as concrete commitments for individual bureaus and offices (Annex A) to achieve by 2023. To track progress, the Plan includes Department-specific metrics (Annex D) that will be analyzed to be sent in a report to Congress in 2021. Bureaus and offices have already been providing data, setting baselines and endpoint targets. The framework also identifies targets in the form of major milestones, such as the development of gender analysis tools and the adoption of safeguards to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse.

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Question 2:

Has the State Department conducted any evaluations or assessments to identify resource requirements to implement the WPS Strategy? Please elaborate.

Answer 2:

The Department assesses its WPS resource needs through its annual budgeting processes. Additionally the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) and others participate in the interagency Gender Roundtable convened by the Office of Foreign Assistance (F). That review assesses policy priorities and trends to guide future gender sector assistance and determine areas of prioritization for optimizing policy goals.

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Question 3:

Has the State Department identified any unmet budgetary or foreign assistance requirements to successfully implement the WPS Strategy?

Answer 3:

To implement the Department's WPS on a larger scale, there are areas, such as thematic and country specific training, that we hope will find bipartisan support in the future. In the meantime, S/GWI is exploring whether these initiatives can be accomplished utilizing existing resources, such as engaging with the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) to enhance WPS training efforts and leveraging regional and functional bureau funds to support WPS activities. To address WPS priorities in the meantime, S/GWI is exploring whether WPS initiatives can be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

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Question 4:

How does the State Department plan to use additional appropriations to implement the WPS Strategy?

Answer 4:

The Department of State and USAID will work together to determine the best use of any additional funding for Women, Peace, and Security in consultation with Congress.

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